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SUBJECT: FIRST BALLOT ENDS IN DEAD HEATH

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1. IN A STUNNING UPSET, MARGARET THATCHER BEAT OUT TED HEATH ON FIRST BALLOT FOR CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP TODAY (FEBRUARY 4), BUT FELL SHORT OF MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR VICTORY. SHE GAINED IMPRESSIVE 130 VOTES TO 119 FOR HEATH AND 16 FOR FRASER. SECOND BALLOT WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 11, WITH NOMINATIONS TO CLOSE FEBRUARY 6.

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER RESULTS WERE MADE KNOWN, HEATH

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ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT STAND AS A

CANDIDATE ON THE SECOND BALLOT. FRASER ALSO WITHDREW HIS CANDIDACY.

3. THE RACE FOR PARTY LEADER IS NOW OPEN TO NEW CANDIDATES. WILLIE WHITELOW IS WIDELY EXPECTED TO CHALLENGE THATCHER ON THE SECOND BALLOT, AND OTHERS MAY ALSO ENTER THE LISTS. THE NEXT FORTY-EIGHT HOURS SHOULD SEE INTENSIVE BEHIND-THE-SCENES CONSULTATIONS AND MANEUVERING.

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